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Have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir, a show barn full

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer
 Goats and lambs took the stage Wednesday during the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.
 In the goat division there were two classes in each weight division.
 Coahoma FFA member Emilee Custer was named light weight division champion. She entered two goats, one in the Class 1, which took first place and weighed 64 pounds and the other in the Class 2 which placed fourth and weighed 75 pounds. The goat shown by Sands FFA member Kobyn Ramey gained the

title of light weight division reserve champion. Ramey entered one goat in Class 2 and had it place first with a weight of 67 pounds.
 For Class 3 and Class 4 — which made up the middle weight divisions — Coahoma FFA Member Emilee Custer's entry once again earned her the title of champion. Her goat was entered in the class 3 and placed first with a weight of 81 pounds. Howard County 4-H member Reagan Hamlin received the medium weight division reserve champion ribbon with his goat. Hamlin entered a goat in class 3 and

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Goat exhibitors wait for their entries to be judged during the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Wednesday afternoon. The show continues today at the county show barns.

Volunteer training set Saturday at Hangar 25

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer
 Calling all members.
 Hangar 25 Air Museum will be having its annual membership meeting Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at the hangar.
 "It is important for members to be informed on what they are supporting," Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger said.
 All members, new and old, are encouraged to attend the

meeting and find out what is new at Hangar 25. No reservations are needed. Food will be provided during the meeting.
 During the meeting — which is designated by the by-laws of Hangar 25 to be held in January of each year — an announcement regarding election of board members will be made as well as a discussion on Hangar 25 business.
 "All we ask is that people show up. They don't need to bring anything except themselves and their smiling faces," Stockburger said. "However, they might want to bring a jacket, it might be cold."
 Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum will be closed Saturdays until February.



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FISD board to appoint health council tonight

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 FORSAN — School district trustees here are expected to approve the appointment of a School Health Advisory Council when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in the administration wing board room.
 SHACs are appointed to review and make recommendations on a wide variety of health-related activities, said Randy Johnson, Forsan Independent School District superintendent. Johnson
 "They will review all policies tied to student health and report back to the school board with their recommendations," Johnson said. "Among the programs they will review are physical education, nutrition, counseling and health classes."
 The council recently lost its chairperson, Melanie Wheeler, who has left the district. Johnson said Linda Kay Stallings and Bella Willard will co-chair the committee. Other committee members are Angela Kennedy, Greg Gabehart, Delma Hickman, Valerie Cervantes and Tiana Hergert.
 Also tonight, the board will consult with the district's attorneys in closed session. Johnson said the board will discuss "the district's legal relationship with various parent groups," but declined to go into further detail, citing confidentiality requirements.
 In other business tonight, trustees will consider auditors for the 2011-2012 school year.



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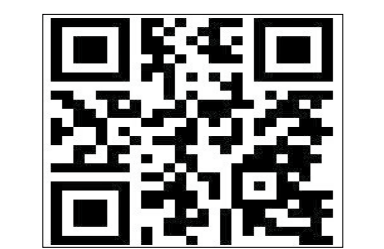
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Trout stocking reeled in today

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer
 The second round of rainbow trout is on its way, but not today.



A second restocking was scheduled this afternoon but, because of the recent snowfall, the restocking has been moved to Jan. 19.
 The first group of rainbow trout was placed in Comanche Trail Lake Dec. 13 and the last one is scheduled for Feb. 15. At the end of restocking, there will have been more than 6,000 trout placed in Comanche Trail Lake.
 "This year we are actually

getting an extra 2,000 fish," Debbie Wegman, Convention and Visitors Bureau director, said. "Usually there are only two stockings, but the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department had more fish this year."
 Even with the recent drought and lack of rain, there is still plenty of water in the lake to sustain the fish, officials say.
 In order to help further this

program, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will be hosting an educational fishing program and tournament for children March 3.
 Anyone is able to fish at the lake. Those age 17 and older must obtain a fishing license.

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Obituaries

Alvah Ruth Hollis



Alvah Ruth Hollis, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Eddy Pitchford officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa with Dr. David Ward officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 27, 1931, in Lamesa and married Raymond "Sonny" Hollis on Aug. 1, 1960, in Lamesa.

Mrs. Hollis graduated from Lamesa High School and received her associate degree in Lubbock. She worked as deputy county clerk in Lamesa and deputy county clerk in Odessa for three years. She then worked as Westbrook ISD School Tax Collector for 15 years, retiring in the spring of 1997.

Alvah lived in Westbrook for 21 years before coming to Big Spring after retirement. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond "Sonny" Hollis of Big Spring; one daughter, Ann Ward and husband Dr. David Ward of Big Spring; two granddaughters, April Farris and husband Ben of Austin and Crystal Ward of Lubbock; one sister, Marquita Long and husband Glenn of Andrews; and two brothers, J. Terry Brown of Lamesa and Sherril Brown and wife Linda of Garland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Glen R. Overton



Glen R. Overton, 80, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the family receiving friends immediately following the service. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 2, 1931, in Big Spring to Fannie and James Overton. He worked in construction in Arizona for 35 years. He married Frances Edens on Oct. 9, 1993. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Edens Overton of Big Spring; one son, Glen W. Overton of Big Spring; one daughter, Vicky Fontana of Coahoma; one step-daughter, Annette Williams of Big Spring; three step-sons, Barney Edens and wife Jo Lee, Buster Edens and wife Mary and Dan Edens, all of Big Spring; one sister, Cora Conn of Big Spring; and a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Donald M. Overton; one sister, Ruby Pike; and two brothers, Raymond Overton and Maurice Overton.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Charles 'Charlie' Trantham

Charles "Charlie" Trantham, 60, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elisa Ann Hart



Elisa Ann Hart, 36, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born in New Orleans, La., on Dec. 5, 1975, was raised in Kenner, La., and has been a resident of Big Spring, Texas, since 2002. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Ronnie Jannamon; her parents, Dale and Joanie Bourgeois and Jerry Hart and Sandra Camp Hart; four brothers, Rocky Hart, Neal Bourgeois, Duane Camp, and Stephen Camp; one sister, Kelly Camp; grandparents, Lela C. Hart, Anna R. Bienvenu and Jean S. Bourgeois; one step-son, Eldon Jannamon; one step-daughter, Melissa Tatum; and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jeanne C. Lombardo, Gerard H. Hart, Eugene A. Bienvenu and Maurice J. Bourgeois.

The family suggests memorials to the Spina Bifida Association, 4590 Mac Arthur Blvd. NW, Suite 250, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

• ZABRINA FREEMAN LOZANO, 25, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - blood alcohol more than 0.15.

• KENDRA LYNN HARRISON, 41, of 605 S. Abrams, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for nuisance - animal repeatedly at large, driving while license invalid, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.

• BRYANT ANTHONY PARRISH, 22, of 805 Crighton, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for theft - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• DEANDRE TYRELL WALTON, 31, of 807 W. Leatherwood, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• WELMON RICHARD III, 55, of 1508 Vines, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired registration.

• JANAE VERNEELL GREEN, 17, of 1507 Lincoln Apt. A, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for no driver's license when unlicensed.

• TRACI MARGARET HERRERA, 21, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (Apt. not given), was arrested Thursday on warrants for expired registration (two counts), failure to appear (three counts) and no driver's license - when unlicensed.

• ROBERT H. STANLEY, 39, of Louisiana, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• LYNDELL BURL KNOX II, 28, of 212 S. Moss Lake Rd., was arrested Thursday on warrants for speeding in a school zone and speeding.

• JACKIE LYNN STEEN, 38, of 211 Wooten Rd., was arrested Thursday on warrants for speeding, issuance of a bad check and safety belts required.

• WELDON KOLE MCMILLIAN, 28, of Miles, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Abrams.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

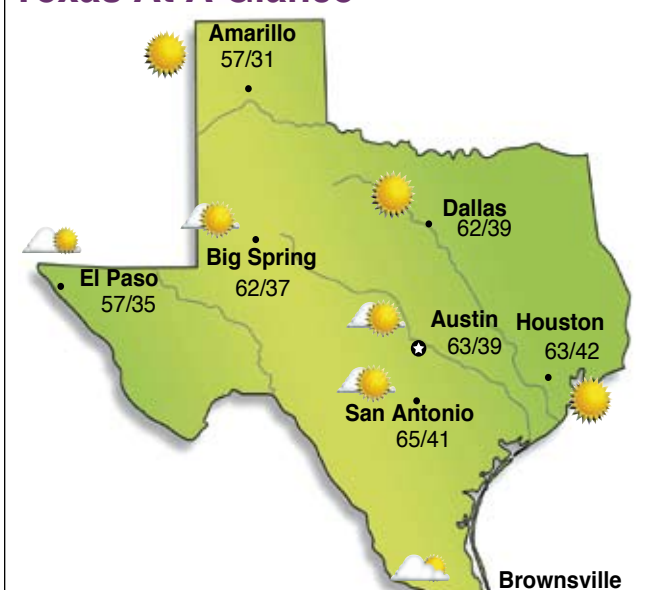
Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 1/14	Sun 1/15	Mon 1/16	Tue 1/17	Wed 1/18
62/37	64/45	68/40	56/34	64/37
Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:06 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	63	39	sunny	Kingsville	70	49	pt sunny
Amarillo	57	31	sunny	Livingston	63	35	sunny
Austin	63	39	mst sunny	Longview	61	36	sunny
Beaumont	63	39	pt sunny	Lubbock	58	29	mst sunny
Brownsville	68	53	cloudy	Lufkin	62	35	sunny
Brownwood	64	39	sunny	Midland	61	37	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	67	49	pt sunny	Raymondville	68	51	cloudy
Corsicana	61	38	sunny	Rosenberg	64	41	sunny
Dallas	62	39	sunny	San Antonio	65	41	mst sunny
Del Rio	64	42	mst sunny	San Marcos	64	39	mst sunny
El Paso	57	35	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	38	sunny
Fort Stockton	61	41	mst sunny	Sweetwater	61	38	mst sunny
Gainesville	58	34	sunny	Tyler	60	35	sunny
Greenville	59	35	sunny	Weatherford	60	35	sunny
Houston	63	42	sunny	Wichita Falls	61	37	sunny

• KENDRA LYNN HARRISON, 41, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), animal at large and failure to appear.

• JACKIE LYNN STEEN, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, no safety belt, capias/speeding and capias/issuance of a bad check.

• BRYANT ANTHONY PARRISH, 22, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

• DEANDRE TYRELLE WALTON, 31, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and a Howard County warrant for parole violation.

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• JANAE VERNELL GREEN, 17, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for no driver's license.

• TRACI MARGARET HERRERA, 21, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for displaying expired registration (two counts), failure to appear, no driver's license and violation of a promise to appear (two counts).

• ROBERT HOWARD STANLEY, 39, was booked into the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of harassment.

• WALDON KOLE MCMILLIAN, 28, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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Support Groups

Take Note

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parents Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriro-senbaum9488@msn.com
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

- An organizational meeting for Visual Awareness Support Group will be held at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad St. VASG is a support group forming to provide help to individuals who have poor or deteriorating vision. The meeting is open to everyone but will focus on people who have significant vision problems, their family members, friends and care givers. It is the goal of this group to provide, through education, a sense of hope to people that have vision problems and help them and their care givers cope with vision loss. For more information, call 263-2501 or email eyeasocone@ccrom.net.
- Crossroads Friends of NRA Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$25. Funds raised at this and other FNRA events in West Texas support local youth shooting groups (Boy Scouts, 4-H, JROTC, etc.) law enforcement, education, safety and many other areas. Giveaways, games, and live and silent auctions will be held. For more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 432-270-7384.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial chal-

enges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and

housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office at 800-926-5630.

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Tammy Lynn Torres, 47, died Sunday, January 1, 2012. Memorial services were at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Selestino Hernandez, 60, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Elizar P. Cantu, 68, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Fairview Cemetery in Ackerly.

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class 4. The goat entered in class 3 placed second with a weight of 78 pounds and the entry in class four placed first with a weight of 85 pounds.

Heavyweight division champion belonged to Howard County 4-H member Dalton Ogle Vaughn. Vaughn's goat placed first in class 5 with a weight of 95 pounds. Coahoma FFA member Ashley Luce's entry earned the title of heavyweight division reserve champion. Luce entered her goat in class 5 and placed second with a weight of 95, as well.

The overall grand champion of the goat divisions belonged to Custer. Reserve grand champion belonged to Vaughn.

The lamb entries were divided into four divisions and respective classes; finewool, finewool cross, medium wool and southdown.

The finewool champion was determined out of two classes and belonged to Howard County 4-H member Reagan Hamlin. Reserve champion in finewool belonged to Sands FFA member Bryce Hamlin.

Champion of the finewool cross belonged to Howard County 4-H member Lukas Grantham and Reagan Hamlin of the Sands FFA owned the reserve champion cross.

Lukas Grantham, with Howard County 4-H, dominated the medium wool division with his entries, taking the title of champion medium wool and reserve champion medium wool.

The southdown

champion was owned by Sands FFA Kobyn Ramey and the reserve champion southdown was owned by Howard County 4-H member Brance Workman.

Today's livestock agenda will include weigh ins of rabbits, steers and barrows. A rabbit show will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday; the heifer show will take place at 9 a.m. and the steer show will follow. The barrow show will conclude the day and start at 1 p.m.

The livestock show will conclude Saturday

with the buyers lunch barbecue taking place at 11:30 a.m. and an auction at 1 p.m. All activities are being held at the county show barns off FM 700.

A complete list of en-

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

When Philip told Nathaniel about Jesus, Nathaniel responded, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46)

I wonder how Nathaniel had acquired such an attitude toward Nazarenes. Had he been introduced to prejudicial attitudes by parents? Had he been hurt by a specific Nazarene and then projected his dislike on all the Nazarenes? Had he learned the art of critical stereotyping by listening to jokes told by friends?

I am thankful that Philip did not "fight fire with fire." He simply said, "Come and see." I am thankful that Nathaniel was willing to let personal contact with Jesus override preconceived ideas. I am thankful that Jesus passes the tests of scrutiny, time and experience.

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OUR VIEWS

76 years of Howard County Jr. Livestock

Kids and animals, what better combination for cuteness could you ask for?

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show is back in town until Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barn.

The 2012 show opened with the arrival of goats and lambs Wednesday morning.

After all the goats and lambs were weighed, the shows kicked off at 3 p.m.

Today, rabbits dominate the show.

Tomorrow, the heifers, steers and barrows will take over the stage. Saturday will be the buyers barbecue lunch — also, the presentation of the belt buckle awards — and the auction will take place at 1 p.m.

The Howard County Junior Livestock Show is an opportunity for the youth in the community to learn about the financial responsibility and maintenance involved in taking care of animals, as well as serve as a backbone for teaching responsibility as a whole.

Also, by taking part in the stock shows, the youth are introduced to a wider social circle, which allows them the opportunity of making friends on a local level, as well as friends from other areas when they compete in out of town stock shows.

Considering Big Spring and Howard County have a large agricultural background, the involvement in the livestock show, in a sense, gives the youth an opportunity to be involved in the community.

By supporting the youth of the community, especially in an agriculturally-tied event, the community is helping support the next generation of agriculture in Big Spring and Howard County.

This year there are a total of 300 entries and more than 100 entrants, which reflects the continued importance of the livestock shows in Howard County.

This is just one more way to help the youth not only learn responsibility, but also one more way to help them understand and feel involved in a community they are a part of.

Take the time to support the 2012 Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Right now, Lord, is the best time to make changes if we're going in the wrong direction. Please help us.

Amen

South Carolina is on my mind

Yet another Republican ABM (Anybody But Mitt) candidate has experienced failure to launch.

The Newt Gingrich rocket that seemed oh-so-formidable just a few weeks ago didn't survive an avalanche of negative ads financed by stealth Romney money in Iowa. It crashed and burned on takeoff.

Romney rolled to victory by a whopping eight-vote margin over — surprise, surprise! — Rick Santorum, yet another new candidate fresh out of the ABM design studio. Romney, whose support (as George Will observed) "has fluctuated wildly between 23 and 26 percent," got just under 25 percent of the vote.

The circus has moved on. New Hampshire, which was all but irrelevant this year, was only a pit stop on the way to South Carolina, home to the nation's most vicious domestic politics.

Romney may think he's campaigned before, but he ain't seen nothing yet. The Palmetto state will greet him with charges of keeping illegal immigrants in his basement and his illegitimate children in the attic. It may allege that he once drove to Maine with his wife strapped to the roof of the car, if it hasn't done that already.

(I've said before that the Iowa caucuses are a fraud. Let me

take that back. Any process that can rid us of Michele Bachmann as a presidential candidate can't be all bad.)

Whether Santorum can cut it as a Romney alternative is questionable, however. He virtually won in Iowa largely because he all but lived in the state for a year. It's said that he not only shook hands with every potential Republican caucus-goer, he did their laundry and ran errands for them.

Conventional wisdom says he lacks the money and organization for a national television campaign and that there are too many Republicans across the United States to depend on house calls to garner their votes.

Santorum's policy differences with Romney are negligible. The only big difference is that Santorum seems to mean all the crazy things he says. (Say what you will about Mitt, you can't accuse him of sincerity.) Santorum is really, really against abortion and same-sex marriage and authentically for guns and torture. That plays better in Iowa than it does in some other places.

Should Santorum's candidacy fail to find purchase in the rest of the nation, the Republicans still have Ron Paul available as an ABM weapon. He escaped Iowa with about a fifth of the vote, much of it coming, surprisingly, from young people.

I suppose I shouldn't be that surprised. Paul is another manifestation of the zeitgeist that has produced both the tea party and the Occupy Wall Street movements. Its adherents are fed up with the current system and

want to tear it down and start over.

Paul, a libertarian, is as liberal as he is conservative. He wants to get out of Afghanistan, legalize drugs, and let people marry whomever they wish, regardless of their gender. He's also against taxes, Wall Street bailouts, and national health care. He's probably against traffic lights too. Nobody's asked him yet.

He's not a rocket, though. He's an open-cockpit biplane with a propeller that's not built for the long campaign.

Who's left then? Well, I suppose it's Newt Gingrich. He's been left for dead twice already in this campaign but, like Richard Nixon and Count Dracula, he keeps coming back. Who's to say he can't do it again?

Surely there's no one on the planet who hates Mitt Romney more. Newt can be relied on to do everything in his power to see to it that Romney isn't the next president of the United States.

If the Republican primaries are this mean this early, it bodes ill for the civility we can expect in the general election in the fall.

I confidently expect that by November, a third of the American people will believe that Barack Obama kidnapped the Lindbergh baby and Michelle drove the getaway car.

It's called democracy, baby. On with the show.

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Child support enforcement brings hope to Texas families

In the state of Texas, the office of the Attorney General (OAG) is charged with running the state's child support collection agency. As Attorney General, I am responsible for collecting child support for more than one million Texas families. Fortunately, the vast majority of Texas parents provide their children the financial resources and support they need to grow healthy and strong. Because some cases require additional work, however, we have a team of professionals who work to ensure parents fulfill their court-ordered child support obligations.

Thanks to the thousands of Texas parents who complied with their child support orders — and a lot of hard work by the dedicated folks in our child support division, we collected a record-breaking \$3 billion during the last fiscal year. For the past five years, Texas has ranked first in the nation for total child support collections — despite the fact that we did not have the nation's highest case-load. The Texas child support program was also among the highest-ranking in the nation for efficiency and effectiveness.

Collecting child support is about more than providing young Texans the food, clothing and support they need today. It's about laying the foundation for them to become successful adults. Research shows that children who receive support from their parents have fewer behavioral problems, make better grades and stay in school longer than children whose parents are uninvolved in their lives and fail to support them. In addition, studies show that children with two involved and caring parents are more self-confident, more likely to exercise self-control and less likely to engage in risky behaviors as

teenagers.

Unfortunately, some young Texans never benefit from steady child support payments. Many of their mothers and fathers have the ability to pay, but refuse to fulfill their legal obligations to support their children. After a parent repeatedly refuses to pay child support, law enforcement may have to get involved. When that happens, our office works closely with local authorities to ensure parents comply with the law.

Child Support Roundups

When other enforcement efforts fail, the OAG can ask a court to impose jail time for delinquent parents who violate court orders to pay child support. In 2011, the OAG Child Support Division partnered with eight local law enforcement agencies to launch county-wide sweeps that locate and arrest parents who were wanted by authorities for failing to pay court-ordered child support. Because of these initiatives, local law enforcement officers arrested 150 parents who violated court orders requiring them to pay child support.

Most Wanted Child Support Evaders

When delinquent parents owe more than \$5,000 and are subject to an arrest warrant, they may be placed on the State's "Most Wanted Child Support Evader" list. Delinquent parents who are included on the annual Evader list have the ability to make their court-ordered child support payments but simply refuse to do so. Unfortunately, incarceration is the only option for parents who willfully and repeatedly violate the law.

Consider the case of Dr. David Z. Martin, 55, who was apprehended at John F. Kennedy International Airport after a Texas court issued a felony arrest warrant because he failed to pay thousands of dollars in child support. Police officers with the New York and New Jersey Port

Authority, which operates JFK Airport, arrested Dr. Martin as he exited a flight from Oman. The warrant stemmed from criminal nonsupport charges that were filed in 1998 by authorities in Carson County, Texas.

Criminal Nonsupport

As Dr. Martin's case demonstrates, failure to pay child support is not just a civil violation. Under Texas law, parents who intentionally or knowingly fail to comply with a court's child support orders commit a state jail felony. Prosecuting violators for criminal nonsupport holds them accountable for breaking the law and discourages parents from refusing to make court-ordered child support payments.

In light of the national economic downturn, some delinquent parents may have lost their jobs or suffered salary reductions. In these cases, parents can ask the courts to modify their support obligations. This process helps ensure that parents who are unable to fulfill their child support obligations do not face prosecution because of their changed economic circumstances.

Like most law enforcement efforts, collaboration among state, local and federal authorities is critical to achieving success. Thanks to effective working relationships with local sheriffs, constables, police departments and district and county attorneys, the OAG operates the nation's top child support program. Our successes benefit not only Texas children, but also the taxpayers — because collecting child support helps ensure that children are supported by their parents, not by taxpayer-funded programs. By continuing to work to collect child support for Texas children, we have an opportunity to ensure they have a brighter future and the opportunity for success.

Greg Abbott is the Texas Attorney General. To find out more information, visit his website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.



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News in brief

2 get life for deadly drug-related ambush in Odessa

MIDLAND (AP) — Two men have been sentenced to life in prison over a drug-related ambush in West Texas in which more than 150 shots were fired and two unarmed men died.

A federal judge in Midland on Wednesday sentenced 42-year-old Francisco Sauseda and 40-year-old Armando Sauseda Sr.

A jury in September convicted the pair of murder to further drug trafficking and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana.

Prosecutors say an SUV in an alley in Odessa was ambushed on June 1, 2009.

Jose "Chico" Gardea was killed instantly. Investigators say Steven Soto was executed, by Sauseda Sr., with two shots to the head while crouched on the floorboard.

No information was immediately available on whether the Sausedas are related.

2 dead at Helotes church, apparent murder, suicide

HELOTES (AP) — Investigators say a woman and a man have been found shot to death in a San Antonio-area church in an apparent murder and a suicide.

Police in Helotes say the bodies were discovered Wednesday afternoon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Police say the man apparently shot the woman, then turned the gun on himself. Their relationship was not immediately released by police.

Lt. Elliott Rodriguez says security cameras recorded the couple approaching the altar, but the motion-sensitive cameras turned off when the pair stopped.

Rodriguez says a handgun was found at the scene. Police say the man and the woman, believed to be from San Antonio, were alone in the sanctuary at the time of the shootings.

Names of the couple were not immediately released.

Thousands in Dallas area lose electricity

DALLAS (AP) — About half of the nearly 9,500 North Texas homes and businesses that lost power due to utility trouble have had their electricity restored.

Oncor says a transmission line supplying the Dallas area was down Thursday, but customers were being rerouted to another line.

The number of customers without power had declined to about 4,900 by dawn Thursday. Oncor spokeswoman Alison Cox says most of the outages affected Grand Prairie.

The National Weather Service says the Dallas area had freezing temperatures Thursday.

3 miniature horses fatally stabbed in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — An animal cruelty investigation has been launched in Dallas after three miniature horses were found stabbed to death outside the owner's home.

WFAA-TV reported Wednesday night that Maera Ortega discovered the dead horses in her yard. She's now worried about the safety of her family as investigators try to determine a motive for the horse killings.

Ortega says one of the horses had been tied to a tree. All three animals appeared to have been struck in the head while in a fenced area.

Ortega, who found the dead animals Monday, says the family bought the miniature horses a couple of months ago.

Masked bank robber gets 25 years in prison

HOUSTON (AP) — A man wearing a mask with the image of ex-President George W. Bush has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for four bank robberies.

A federal judge in Houston on Wednesday sentenced 40-year-old Gabriel Cabello of Dallas. Investigators say Cabello was responsible for two holdups in The Woodlands and two in Austin since 2010.

Cabello in September pleaded guilty to four counts of aggravated bank robbery and brandishing a firearm during a violent crime.

Prosecutors say a bystander last February called 911 after noticing a man put on a mask and enter a bank in The Woodlands, which was then robbed. Cabello was caught minutes later in Conroe.

Texas Republican candidates hold first debate

AUSTIN (AP) — The top candidates in the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate are holding their first formal debate.

The conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation is hosting the event on Thursday night in Austin. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, former Dallas Mayor Tom Lep-

pert and former ESPN commentator Craig James have said they will attend along with Glenn Addison, a small businessman from Magnolia.

The debate will focus on federal fiscal policy and other national issues that could come before the U.S. Senate. Three Texas journalists will moderate.

The race for the Republican nomination is crowded and the competition fierce. A legal challenge to the state's political maps has delayed the primary elections and a final date has not been set yet.

Lovett inducted into Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame

FORT WORTH (AP) — Grammy Award-winner Lyle Lovett is getting another feather in his cowboy hat.

He's being inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame on Thursday night in Fort Worth.

The hall of fame honors excellence in competition, business and the support of rodeo and the western lifestyle in Texas.

Lovett is a native Texan who is involved in breeding, riding and showing horses.

The four others being honored are former rodeo star Vernon "Dude" Smith; Buddy Jeffers and Jim Odle, who founded Superior Livestock, one of the nation's busiest livestock auction houses; and the late George Paul, the 1968 world champion bull rider.

Dr Pepper parting ways with its oldest bottler

DALLAS (AP) — Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc. and its oldest but smallest bottler announced Wednesday that they were ending their 120-year relationship to settle a trademark feud over a retroversion of the soda that had become the Texas bottler's specialty.

The company and the bottler, Dr Pepper Bottling Co. of Dublin, announced the settlement of the litigation that centered on the beverage that had come to be known as "Dublin Dr Pepper."

The bottler used the classic formula of Dr Pepper sweetened with the traditional cane sugar instead of high fructose corn syrup, which has become common in soft drinks in recent years. The soda was sold in 8-oz. bottles.

According to a joint statement, Dr Pepper Snapple Group has bought all of the bottler's sales and distribution operations and related assets, as well as the rights to distribute Dr Pepper and other Dr Pepper Snapple brands in the six Central Texas counties served by the Dublin bottler.

Teen in Houston high school shooting says he was bullied

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston teenager who has been charged with shooting a classmate in the leg told a judge Wednesday he was trying to protect himself from a group of boys who have been bullying him when he fired a handgun inside his school.

Warren Lewis, 18, remained jailed on a \$30,000 bond after he was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the Tuesday shooting in an upstairs hallway at North Forest High School in northeast Houston.

The North Forest Independent School District is still investigating how Lewis, a senior, got the gun into the campus and past metal detectors, said spokeswoman Sue Davis.

During a court appearance early Wednesday, Lewis told a judge he had filed complaints

with the school about the boys who had been threatening him.

"I have papers. I've been making reports for the longest. These same boys that came by my house sir. I've been scared for my life and fear for my family's life," he said.

Lewis' mother, Yolanda Domino, told Houston television station KTRK that her son had reported the bullies to the school more than once. Domino could not be reached for comment as several phone listings and addresses for her were not valid. An attorney for Lewis had yet to be appointed by the court.

But Davis said no records of any complaints by Lewis or his family have been found with the high school or with school district police.

"Bullying complaints are something we take very seriously. Absolu-

tely," she said.

At the court appearance, a prosecutor said Lewis and another student got into an argument in a classroom over a confrontation that had taken place just before lunch on Tuesday.

After the argument, Lewis stepped into the hallway and told the student to fight him off-campus. The two then began fighting in the hallway.

When the fight ended and the other student walked away, Lewis is accused of then going into his backpack, pulling out a handgun and firing it five times.

But instead of hitting the student he had fought with, Lewis shot another student, who happened to be an acquaintance of his, authorities said. The 16-year-old who was shot is expected to recover.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

Do the Jews Have the Right to a State in the Holy Land?

The question is not whether the Palestinians are an "invented people," but rather why Arabs deny Jewish history and Jewish rights to a state in Israel.

The recent brouhaha about whether the Palestinians are an "invented people" misses the point. The real question we should ask is, "Why do Palestinian Arabs repudiate 3,000 years of Jewish history in Palestine and the rights of Jews to a state in their ancestral homeland?" Can peace really be achieved if the Palestinians teach their people the lie that Jews are newcomers and Palestinians were the original inhabitants of the Holy Land?

What are the facts?

Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas stood before the United Nations General Assembly in September, 2011 and said, "I come before you from the Holy Land, the land of Palestine, the land of divine messages, ascension of the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) and the birthplace of Jesus Christ (peace be upon him)." What's missing in Abbas's description of the Holy Land is any mention of its Biblical founders, the Jewish people, or the fact that Jesus was a Jew. So brazen is the Palestinian effort to turn history on its head that Abbas's predecessor, Yassir Arafat, often claimed that "Jesus was the first Palestinian martyr."

Indeed, rewriting the history of the land of Israel in order to deny Israel's right to exist is central to the Palestinian Authority's PR strategy. This rewriting has two dimensions: First to erase the 3,000-year history of the Jewish nation in the Holy Land; and second to invent ancient Palestinian, Muslim and Arab histories in the region.

The Palestinians deny virtually every fact of Jewish life in Palestine before and after Biblical times. Dr. Jamal Amar, a lecturer at Bir-Zeit University states that in the Holy Land after "60 years of digging . . . they've found nothing at all, not a water jug, not a coin, not an earthen vessel . . . absolutely nothing of this [Jewish] myth, because it is a myth and a lie"—this despite the discovery of tens of thousands of Hebrew coins, texts, pots, buildings and seals carrying Biblical references. Likewise, despite definitive archeological findings from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and exhaustive scholarly confirmation of two Jewish Temples, the Palestinian Authority (P.A.) categorically denies the existence of any Temple.

What's more, the P.A. claims that since the Jews had no history in the Land of Israel, Zionism was a colonialist movement fabricated by Europeans to get rid of Jews. Another professor at Bir Zeit University, Samih Hamouda, asserts that President Abbas's student research proves "the Zionist movement is not Jewish . . . Rather it is an imperialist colonialist movement which sought to use the Jews . . . to further western colonialist plans."

Israel has long accepted the idea of two states for two peoples—the Palestinians and the Jews. But the Palestinian Authority refuses to embrace this solution. As Mahmoud Abbas lashed out just a few months ago, "Don't order us to recognize a Jewish state. We won't accept it." Clearly, until this fundamental issue is resolved, the Palestinians will not achieve their goal of statehood. The fact that this outcome is based on falsehoods makes it a shame and a tragedy.

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News in brief

Attacking Romney as a fat cat businessman may not resonate in business-friendly South Carolina

LEXINGTON, S.C. (AP) — At first glance, South Carolina seems like a place where attacks on Mitt Romney's experience at the helm of a venture capital firm that cut jobs would resonate in the GOP primary.

The state's unemployment rate hasn't been below 9 percent in three years and a third of its manufacturing jobs have disappeared in the last decade.

But from South Carolina's urban centers to its old mill villages, many workers still view their employers paternalistically, even when their bosses' decisions hurt them. And that may blunt the criticism that Romney is a greedy fat cat who squashes employees while lining his own pockets.

In South Carolina, people have little sympathy for the Occupy Wall Street movement. Low wages and lack of unions are the norm, so much so that economic developers refused to even recruit companies to the state in the 1960s and 1970s if they allowed unions. Less than 5 percent of the state's workers belong to a labor union, one of the lowest rates in the nation, and income per person is just over \$33,000, about \$7,000 below the national average.

"Once you get hired, the employer has done his part," Kenneth Dock, 59, said outside the unemployment office in Lexington County, a heavily Republican area on the outskirts of Columbia. He was filing for unemployment a few weeks after losing his job in the produce department at a nearby Walmart.

Taliban says ready for Afghan peace talks, but they won't mean end to fighting

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban's political wing is ready to enter peace talks to end the war in Afghanistan, but the insurgents will in the meantime continue their armed struggle, the group said Thursday.

The militant movement's emailed statement suggests that efforts to bring Afghan factions to the table are gathering momentum, but also highlights some of the roadblocks on the way to any settlement — in particular, the Taliban's insistence that the government of President Hamid Karzai is an illegitimate "stooge" of the West.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said the militants had been fighting for the past 15 years to establish an Islamic government in Afghanistan "in accordance with the request of its people."

"It is for this purpose and for bringing about peace and stability in Afghanistan that we have increased our political efforts to come to mutual understanding with the world in order to solve the current ongoing situation," Mujahid said in an emailed statement.

"But this understanding does not mean a surrender from jihad and neither is it connected to an acceptance of the constitution of the stooge Kabul administration."

After NYC encampment ends, Occupiers debate if all among them deserve free food and shelter

NEW YORK (AP) — It was only a few nights after the Occupy protesters began sleeping in his church sanctuary when Pastor Bob Brashears realized that his laptop was missing.

The refugees from Manhattan's Zuccotti Park had found their way to his cavernous Presbyterian church on a cold winter evening, hoping to stay for a few nights, maybe longer. It was the latest stop-over for the nomadic group, which has been living in a rotating series of churches since Mayor Michael Bloomberg shut down their camp in November.

"There was a sense of shock and sadness that it had happened," said Brashears, whose laptop will soon be replaced by Occupy organizers. "And there's a common understanding that if there's one more theft in the church, that's it."

This is what the Occupy encampment has become: A band of homeless protesters with no place to go. Amid accusations of drug use and sporadic theft, they've been sleeping on church pews for weeks, consuming at least \$20,000 of the funds that Occupy Wall Street still has in its coffers. Their existence is being hotly debated at Occupy meetings: Are these people truly "Occupiers" who deserve free food and a roof over their heads?

"We don't do this out of charity," said 34-year-old Ravi Ahmad, who works for Columbia University and volunteers with Occupy in her spare time. "We do this so that whoever wants to work in the movement can work in the movement. This is a meritocracy."

As young leader rises, N. Korea signals it's open to deal with U.S. but wary of giving up nukes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — At first glance, it seems like business as usual: North Korea issues an indignant statement taking aim at the United States over a proposal to donate food in return for nuclear disarmament.

But between the lines are glimmers of conciliation. In its diatribe this week questioning Washington's generosity and earnestness, North Korea suggests it remains open to suspending a uranium enrichment program if it can get the food it wants.

Deciphering North Korea's intentions is notoriously difficult, and has been made even more so since the death of longtime ruler Kim Jong Il and the subsequent installation of his young, inexperienced son, Kim Jong Un, at the top.

But how it handles talks with Washington over its food crisis and a decades-old standoff over its nuclear weapons program will provide the strongest clues yet about how the country will behave as it extends the Kim dynasty into a third generation — whether it will lean toward provocation or reconciliation and how tightly it will cling to its nuclear program.

North Korea's neighbors and Washington are watching to see whether Kim Jong Un can consolidate power over a nation that proudly trumpets its efforts to build nuclear weapons and has a history of aggression against its southern neighbor and rival. There are fears that North Korea could seek to build Kim Jong Un's credentials, and generate a sense of national unity, by conducting a missile or nuclear test or staging an attack on South Korea.

Survey finds most Haiti text donors have donated to other disaster recovery efforts since

NEW YORK (AP) — The massive earthquake that devastated Haiti two years ago prompted an outpouring of charitable donations and propelled a new way of giving — through text messages — into the public eye.

A new study shows that text messages are becoming a viable avenue to give and receive charitable donations, even though the amounts people give are smaller.

A nationwide campaign after the January 2010 disaster encouraged people to donate \$10 to recovery efforts by texting the word "Haiti" to a number, such as 90999 for the Red Cross. The donation would be added to their monthly cellphone bill.

A survey released Thursday by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project asked the people who sent those text donations why they gave, who they are and whether they have contributed to charity since.

Only donors who agreed in advance to be contacted were included in the survey. This amounted to only about 13 percent of those who contributed to the Haiti relief effort via text, so it's possible that the people who were excluded have different attitudes.

Guatemala's new leader, general during bloody civil war, hopes to end U.S. military aid cutoff

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Former general Otto Perez Molina takes office as Guatemala's new president Saturday with a top priority of ending a long-standing U.S. ban on military aid imposed over concerns about abuses during the Central American country's 36-year civil war.

Perez, who was a top military official during the war, has long insisted there were no massacres, human rights violations or genocide in a conflict that killed 200,000 civilians, mostly Mayan Indians.

But he won the presidency campaigning on a pledge to crack down on soaring crime, including one of the highest murder rates in the Western Hemisphere, and he will need U.S. help to battle the Mexican drug gangs that have overrun Guatemala.

Close advisers say he supports meeting the conditions set by various U.S. congressional appropriations acts for restoring aid that was first eliminated in 1978 halfway through the civil war.

Among the required steps is reforming a weak justice system that has failed to bring those responsible for abuses to justice. A U.N.-sponsored post-war truth commission said state forces and related paramilitary groups committed most of the killings.

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♦ J 9 7 6 4
♣ 4

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♥ K J 5
♦ A Q 8 3
♣ K 8 5

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Many contracts depend on how the defenders' cards are divided in a specific suit. For example, take this case where South is in six notrump. He has 11 sure tricks, and his only chance for a 12th lies in scoring four diamond tricks instead of three.

Ordinarily, South would have to find the diamonds divided 3-3 to achieve this objective. But here, if he plays correctly, declarer can make four diamond tricks even though the suit is divided 5-1. Moreover, he can accomplish the feat without seeing East's hand.

South wins the club lead with the king and plays the king of hearts. Let's assume West takes the ace and continues with the jack of clubs, dummy winning with the ace as East discards a heart.

At this point, declarer has no idea how the diamonds are divided or how he will ultimately fare. So, in order to learn more about the opposing distribution, he next cashes four spade tricks, discarding a club from his hand.

These plays shed considerable light on the matter after West shows up with four spades. The four spades, added to the six clubs and ace of hearts West has already turned up with, account for 11 of West's original 13 cards. When South next leads a heart to the ten and West follows suit, he learns that West was dealt at most one diamond.

Declarer is finally ready to tackle the diamonds and starts by cashing the king. When West produces the ten, South is in business. He plays another diamond from dummy, and if East follows suit with the seven, South finesses the eight, knowing that it will win since West cannot have another diamond.

Observe that East can't foil declarer by playing the nine instead of the seven. In that case, South wins with the queen and returns to dummy with a heart for another diamond lead through East's J-7.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Karzai condemns controversial video

WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Thursday condemned as "completely inhumane" a video that purports to depict four U.S. Marines urinating on the corpses of Taliban fighters. Pentagon officials said commanders believe they have identified the men's unit and that it is back in the United States.

The Marine Corps said Wednesday it was investigating the YouTube video but had not yet verified its origin or authenticity. The case has been referred to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Navy's worldwide law enforcement organization.

In a statement, Karzai called on the U.S. military to punish the Marines. The Afghan Ministry of Defense also condemned the actions in the video.

The NATO-led security force in Afghanistan released a statement Thursday saying, "This disrespectful act is inexplicable and not in keeping with the high moral standards we expect."

The actions "appear to have been conducted by a small group of U.S. individuals, who apparently are no longer serving in Afghanistan," the International Security Assistance Force said. The statement did not identify the personnel or explain why the

ISAF thought they had left the country.

Sen. John McCain, a Navy veteran who fought and was held prisoner in the Vietnam war, said the incident "makes me so sad."

McCain, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, called the Marine Corps one of America's strongest institutions and said its image has apparently been tarnished by "a handful of obviously undisciplined people."

"There should be an investigation and these young people should be punished," McCain, R-Ariz., said today.



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Penn State pres faces tough questions

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Penn State University President Rodney Erickson faces a crowd of alumni Wednesday in Pittsburgh, some of whom aren't happy about the way the school handled the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, the firing of football coach Joe Paterno and a lack of transparency over the case.

Erickson is attempting to repair the school's image with alumni, faculty, staff, and students, more than two months since Sandusky was arrested, bringing with it

controversy, criticism and contemplation.

Some alumni have criticized the school failing to conduct a complete investigation before firing Paterno and ousting Erickson's predecessor, Graham Spanier, while decrying the school's leadership as secretive and slow to act.

Erickson told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Tuesday that former president Spanier informed members of the board of trustees about the Sandusky grand jury investigation months before he

was charged in November.

He said he did not know details of what was discussed when Spanier met with board members in May or July when Erickson was the university's provost.

"I have no idea, because I wasn't there," the paper quoted Erickson as saying. "Nor did I know it was taking place."

Spanier was ousted amid the scandal and replaced by Erickson, who said Tuesday he will step down when his contract ends in 2014.

The sessions in the three

cities are being sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association, which has received and responded to thousands of emails and phone calls about the scandal, association president Roger Williams said.

Some attending are eager for answers and explanations about the university's actions since early November.

Monica Thomas, who graduated with an architectural engineering degree in 1985 and has two children enrolled at Penn State, will attend the Pittsburgh town hall but has low expectations. She

watched a similar event in State College for students and staff and was not impressed.

"I don't think they really gave any answers," Thomas said. "But we shall see — you're allowed to submit questions. They're reaching out, but I don't think it's going to do much."

Alumni want transparency, said Virginia A. Feinman, a television news assignment editor who plans to attend the New York forum.

"I hope that they listen to

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Jaguars go after Mularkey as coach

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars targeted Mike Mularkey early in their coaching search.

The Atlanta Falcons' offensive coordinator has a relationship with general manager Gene Smith. He has a scouting assistant. And maybe most important, he has had recent success mentoring a young quarterback.

The Jaguars hired Mularkey on Tuesday night, making him the franchise's third head coach in 18 years and tasking him with turning around the league's worst offense.

"Everybody was ready for it to be done," tight end Marcedes Lewis said. "For me, personally as an offensive guy, I feel like it's a good hire. We're going to get new schemes, a new offense and a fresh start. We were anxious to know

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

GAME ON — The YMCA got its youth basketball program under way this weekend with a scrimmage between the Spurs (red jerseys) and the Lil Jordans (white jerseys). Regular season games begin Saturday.

Colts hire Ryan Grigson as GM

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ryan Grigson is a big man walking into a big job in Indianapolis.

The former offensive lineman was hired Wednesday as the new general manager of the Indianapolis Colts, a franchise facing some of the biggest questions in its long, storied history. He will have to make a quick decision about whether to keep coach Jim Caldwell, and then whether to build next season's team around four-time league MVP Peyton

Manning or probable No. 1 draft pick Andrew Luck.

And it's the first time he's had this kind of power in the NFL.

Grigson has spent the past nine years with Philadelphia, where he was named director of player personnel in 2010 after four years as college scouting director. He fit the profile owner Jim Irsay wanted after firing vice chairman Bill Polian and his son, Chris, the Colts' GM, last week once the Colts had wrapped up a

dismal 2-14 season that Manning missed completely as he recovers from Sept. 8 neck surgery.

The 39-year-old Grigson will not have the same high profile or carry as much clout as Bill Polian did when he turned the Colts from a perennial also-ran into a perennial playoff team.

But that's not what Irsay was looking for. Instead, Irsay, a former GM himself, brought in

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Briefs

Titans baseball open tryouts Jan. 14

The Howard County Titans, an 8-and-under traveling baseball team, will hold open tryouts Saturday at 3:30p.m. The tryouts will take place at the American Little League Field. Please bring glove to tryouts. For additional information, contact Manuel Cervantes at 432-935-0358 or Chris Martinez at 432-816-0050.

U.S. Olympic Committee to resume talks with IOC

LONDON (AP) — U.S. Olympic Committee leaders will resume negotiations with the IOC this week about the revenue-sharing dispute that's been blocking potential American bids for the games, including the 2022 Winter Olympics.

USOC chairman Larry Probst and CEO Scott Blackmun told The Associated Press on Wednesday that they will hold talks with International Olympic Committee officials on Friday in Innsbruck, Austria, during the inaugural Winter Youth Games.

"We're making progress, slowly but surely," Probst said. "I think both sides want to make sure that this gets done correctly. That's obviously taking some time."

The negotiations with the IOC, ongoing for more than a year, are aimed at resolving the dispute over the U.S. share of Olympic television and marketing revenues.

The IOC believes the American cut is excessive and should be redistributed.

After New York's unsuccessful bid for the 2012 Olympics and Chicago's humiliating first-round defeat in the vote

for the 2016 Games, the USOC has repeatedly said it will not bid again until the revenue issue is resolved.

When the two sides failed to reach an agreement last year, the USOC passed on bidding for the 2020 Summer Games. The next chance is for the 2022 Winter Olympics, and the USOC is already hearing interest from potential bid cities.

Denver has formed an exploratory committee on a possible bid. Reno-Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and Salt Lake City are also in the mix.

"We're grateful that Denver is interested and

that Tahoe is interested. People from Salt Lake City have expressed interest," Blackmun said. "It's an expensive proposition. The fact that we have three or more U.S. cities interested in making an investment in the Olympic movement is a very positive thing for us."

"We're being very candid with those cities in terms of where we are with the IOC and our expectation. It's not going to be productive to submit a bid until we can put those discussions behind us."

The U.S. last hosted the Summer Olympics in 1996 in Atlanta, and

the Winter Games in 2002 in Salt Lake City.

"We would love to host the games," Blackmun said.

"It's important for us to keep Americans connected to the games. But as we saw with New York's bid and Chicago's bid, while we have this dispute out there, it's difficult for us to put together a bid that's really going to resonate with the IOC."

Probst added: "We want to put ourselves in the best possible position to win a bid if we do in fact bid for another winter or summer games."

Under a long-stand-

ing contract, the USOC receives a 20 percent share of global sponsorship revenue and a 12.75 percent share of U.S. broadcast rights deals. Any new formula would go into effect after 2020.

Both sides had hoped to reach an accord last year, but the talks hit a roadblock.

"We're hoping we can get to a resolution that both sides are comfortable with sometime in the not too distant future — sooner rather than later," Probst said. "There are a lot of moving parts and a lot of different constituencies need to be considered. It's time consuming."

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Why adopt from a shelter?

- You will make a pet happy. By adopting from a private humane society or animal shelter, breed rescue group, or the local animal control agency, you'll help a homeless pet find a new home.
- You will receive a healthy pet. Most shelters follow strict medical protocols including examinations when pets come in and vaccinations before they leave. In addition to medical care, shelters also screen animals for specific temperaments and behaviors to match each pet with the perfect family. Animal shelters have happy, healthy pets just waiting for someone to take them home.
- You will support your community and save money at the same time. Adopting from an animal shelter is usually less expensive, as your local shelter will just ask for a moderate adoption fee that will mainly cover basic routine medical care

costs. Shelter pets are also usually already spayed or neutered and vaccinated. Finally, you help promote responsible pet ownership through your community.

Questions to ask

When you visit an animal shelter, ask the staff some key questions. Ask about:

- The pet's history — Find out as much as you can about the pet's background. Was it a stray or given up by its owner? Did it come from a loving home? Did it live with other pets or with children?
- Medical and behavioral assessments — Find out what evaluations have been done and what lifestyle would suit it best. Ask about the pet's interaction with the staff, and what their impressions are.
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Jill

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The forefathers and major contributors to the very structures of society are often taken for granted by those too young or ignorant to understand the personal sacrifices made by those who came before us. The Capricorn sun trine with Mars in Virgo will turn our respect to the ones who have worked long and hard to command it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Decide what you want to accomplish, and focus on one thing at a time. Your full attention will be necessary to accomplish anything of note. Multitasking will lead to diminished productivity at best — and accidents at worst.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've seen a lot, but you're not about to let that make you jaded. Time with children or less experienced people will restore your youthful exuberance while making you glad for all you've been through.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't stand the thought of getting into a rut. Repetition bores you. People watch you because you're bound to do something entertaining. You'll surprise your public with unexpected moves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In everything you do, you'll bring a soulfulness of expression that comes from the heart. There are those few who will

be uneasy with your level of feeling, and yet they'll be better for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be inclined to go along with what's happening, but not all the way. There will be finer points that you can't abide by, and you also can't help but voice your disagreement. You'll make people think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a lightness about you now. Everyone who comes to you will leave feeling lifted. For some, the difference will be slight, and others will experience great buoyancy of spirit just being around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Seeing the potential in things is a helpful life skill, and you use it all the time. It doesn't necessarily mean you're dissatisfied with the way things are. It's just that you love the idea of growth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you're in the majority, it's easy to be bold. But the one who shows courage even when the numbers are against him is truly brave. You'll be such a person today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be the one to set the pace for those around you, many of whom will have to run to keep up with you. Slow down tonight, and notice the one who needs to connect with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not sure that you're exactly where you want to be, but you can see definite benefits to your position. You'll notice what you have to leverage, and you'll use it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your sign mate Ellen DeGeneres said, "Stay true to yourself. Never follow someone else's path, unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path. By all means, you should follow that."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll need bigger reserves of patience, especially where the opposite sex is concerned. If you can stay a bit detached, it will be easier. Everyone is doing his or her best.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 12). You will feel as though you are divinely guided to do what's right not only for you, but for future generations. To some degree, this will rectify the injustices born by your ancestors. March brings a ticket to fun. You'll love the people you meet. June features flirtation and intrigue. August is your best travel month. Love signs are Scorpio and Sagittarius. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 14, 33, 17, 9 and 40.

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5:PM	News	Alma	Big Bang	News	Noticias	News	King	Israel	Charlie Rose	Til Death	Cash Cab	CSI: Miami	Jail	Bones	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Shake It	NFL32	SportsCenter
5:30	ABC	Notic.	Big Bang	CBS	Noticiero	News	King	Dr. Wil	King	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	CSI: Miami	Jail	Bones		Vampire		
6:PM	Jeopardy!	Una Familia con Suerte (SS)	Two Men	News	Caso Cerada	Millionaire	Seinfeld	Chevalme	PBS News-Hour	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	CSI: Miami	Jail	Bones		Vampire	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
6:30	Wipeout		Two Men	Ent	Una Maid en	30 Rock	Seinfeld	Alan Lee	Travel	The Vampire Diaries	Dual Survival	Movie: The Quick and the Dead, Russell Crowe	Jail	NBA Basketball: Knicks at Grizzlies	Movie: Dr. Dolittle, Oliver Platt	Austin	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
7:PM	Grey's Anatomy	La Que No	The Finder	Person of Interest	Flor Salvaje (SS)	Office	Big Bang	Light of the Southwest	Independent Lens	The Secret Circle	Man, Woman,		Jail			Adventures of Sharkboy	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
8:PM	(:02) Private Practice	Dale con Ganas (SS)	Simpsons	The Mentalist	La Casa de al Lado	The Firm	Big Bang		Independent Lens	Cops	Last Frontier		Jail			ANT Farm Shake It		
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9:30	Nightline	Noticiero	Raymond	Letterman	Titulares	Jay Leno		Van Impe	World	South Pk	Last Frontier		Jail			Wizards		
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DENNIS THE MENACE

"BUT IF YOU MAKE ME GO TO BED TOO EARLY, I'LL GET UP TOO EARLY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Grandma, if you're thinking of buying me a treat, it can be our little secret."

HAGAR

"I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU SAID TO ME LAST FALL..."

"WHAT DO WE NEED A BARN FOR? ANIMALS, DON'T FEEL THE COLD!"

BC

"I EAT ONLY WHAT I HUNT."

"YOU'RE A VEGETARIAN."

WIZARD OF ID

"THIS MAN WAS CAUGHT TRYING TO IMPERSONATE YOU!"

"LOCK HIM IN THE ASYLUM"

"WOW! LETTING HIM OFF ON INSANITY?"

"HAVE YOU SEEN MY POLL NUMBERS LATELY?"

BLONDIE

"...JUST TO BE CLEAR HERE, YOU OFFER COOKIES AND COFFEE, BUT YOU DON'T OFFER SCONES OR BAGELS?"

"THAT'S RIGHT...NO DONUTS, EITHER"

"AND YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S EVEN A LITTLE ODD?"

"NOPE"

"YOU DO REALIZE THIS IS A 12-MINUTE OIL CHANGE SHOP, DON'T YOU?"

"SEE? YOU'RE MAKING MY POINT FOR ME"

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2012. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1912, textile workers at the Everett Mill in Lawrence, Mass., (most of them immigrant women) walked off the job to protest wage cuts. The "Bread and Roses Strike," as it came to be known, spread to other mills in Lawrence and lasted until the following March.

On this date:

In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.

In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, S.C.

In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1915, the House of Representatives rejected, 204-

174, a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, after serving out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1959, Berry Gordy, Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

In 1969, the New York Jets of the American Football League upset the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League 16-7 in Super Bowl III, played at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

In 1987, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite arrived in Lebanon on his latest mission to win the release of Western hostages; however, Waite ended

up being taken captive himself, and wasn't released until 1991.

In 2010, Haiti was struck by a magnitude-7 earthquake, killing as many as 300,000 residents and leaving over 1.5 million people homeless.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Luise Rainer (RY'-nuhr) is 102. Country singer Ray Price is 86. Singer Glenn Yarbrough is 82. The Amazing Kreskin is 77. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 73. Rock musician Cynthia Robinson (Sly and the Family Stone) is 68. Singer-musician George Duke is 66. Actor Anthony Andrews is 64. Movie director Wayne Wang is 63. Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh is 61.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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AGNES

"DEAR LITTLE MISS SCIENCE... WHY DOES WATER GET HARD WHEN IT FREEZES?"

"WHOA! SUPER-GOOD QUESTION! I LOVE IT!"

"SO I COUNTER WITH THIS... HOW DOES AIR KNOW TO GO IN THE NOSE HOLE AND STAY OUT OF THE EAR HOLE? HM?"

"YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ANSWER, NOT MAKE UP MORE QUESTIONS"

"...AND WHY DO ONLY HUMANS SHAVE? ARE GOATS NOT VAIN, AS WELL?"

HI AND LOIS

"WHERE'S YOUR HOMEWORK, DITTO?"

"I DIDN'T DO IT."

"IT'S NOT MY FAULT THE WEATHERMAN WAS WRONG."

"ANYONE ELSE ASSUME WE WERE HAVING A SNOW DAY TODAY?"

THE OTHER COAST

"YOU SAY ANOTHER WHALE HAS DELIBERATELY BEACHED ITSELF? HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?"

"OH, JUST A HUNCH..."

SNUFFY SMITH

"ARE THESE TH' BEST TOMATERS YA EVER SEEN IN ALL YORE BORNED DAYS OR WHAT ?!"

"... 'COURSE I HAD TO SAY 'YES' OR SHE WOULDN'T'NA GIVEN US SOME !!"

BETLE BAILEY

"VICTOR BORGE SAID, 'THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE IS A SMILE'"

"JOEL GOODMAN SAYS, 'SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT LAUGHTER MAKES ONE WEAK!'"

"BUT WILL ROGERS SAID..."

"WHO?"

"THEY'RE TRYING TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH A BATTLE OF QUOTES"

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1 Entanglement

4 Film critic from Chicago

9 Senior's org.

13 Revered symbol

15 Stable dwellers

16 Muse of history

17 "Get outta here!"

18 Unrestricted authority

20 Picnic throwaways

22 Successful applicant

23 Just fair

24 Music category

26 Worry-free progress

30 Soup server

31 Perform poorly

32 Sch. founded by Jefferson

35 Burning desire

36 Punish, perhaps

38 L _ "leeway"

39 Cove kin

40 Earth's Children series author

41 Vote in

42 It has little nutritional value

45 Not disclosed

48 Sumptuous

49 Takes the Metro

50 Elaborate exhibitions

54 Arabian Nights catchphrase

57 Waikiki locale

58 Has no choice

59 Trial partner

60 Monumental

61 Withdraws, with "out"

62 Storytellers

63 Light gray

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1 Badger St.

2 Aural iteration

3 Graceless one

4 Decorate, as leather

5 First European to cross America

6 Times remembered

7 _ Faire (Elizabethan festival)

8 Chiding sound

9 Feeling sore

10 On one's toes

11 Gadget for potatoes

12 Slammer

14 Merchant's disappointment

19 Sizable slice

21 Central portion

24 Big family

25 Porcine plaint

26 Dues payee

27 Film role for Angelina

28 On pins and needles

29 NATO charter member

32 Person with an ID

33 End of Caesar's boast

34 Pot builder

36 Overseer of apts.

37 Sampras of tennis

38 Farewell song in 57 Across

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42 Newspaper's activity menu

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53 For example, with "as"

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JAGS

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what direction we were going to go in, ready to move on and start our new quest for a championship.”

The team plans to introduce Mularkey at a news conference Wednesday.

“Mike recognizes the challenge and opportunity before all of us, and that’s to make the Jacksonville Jaguars one of the premier franchises in the National Football League, bar none,” new owner Shahid Khan said in a statement. “In simple terms, Mike is aiming high.”

It’s unclear whether Mularkey will call plays in Jacksonville.

He had mixed results as a play caller in his previous head-coaching stint in Buffalo.

The Bills were seventh in the league in total offense in 2004, but faded to 24th the following year. Mularkey went 14-18 before resigning after the 2005 season.

He resume also includes stops in Tampa Bay (1994-95), Pittsburgh (1996-2003), Miami (2006-07) and Atlanta

(2008-11). He served as offensive coordinator for the Steelers (2001-03), the Dolphins (2006) and the last four years with the Falcons.

Atlanta went 43-21 with Mularkey calling plays, and he helped develop Matt Ryan into one of the league’s top young talents.

The Jaguars hope he can do the same with Blaine Gabbert, who struggled in his rookie season.

Gabbert completed 50.8 percent of his passes for 2,214 yards, with 12 touchdowns and 11 interceptions. He was sacked 40 times and lost five of his 12 fumbles. His most troubling trait was pocket presence.

The 10th overall pick often seemed scared under the slightest pressure and struggled all season with his accuracy, especially on short throws.

Gabbert’s problems prompted many to call Jacksonville the least-desirable destination of the open NFL jobs.

“Where we were last year, we can only go up,” Lewis said.

Even though the Jaguars

had the worst offense in the league, Smith and Khan believe they are close to piecing together a playoff-caliber roster that features running back Maurice Jones-Drew, Lewis and a defense that ranked sixth in the NFL despite several key injuries down the stretch.

Mularkey will be tasked with getting it done. His first job will be locking down a defensive coordinator.

The Jaguars would like to bring back Mel Tucker, who interviewed for the defensive coordinator position in Minnesota, and maybe several of his assistants.

Tucker was the interim coach for the final five games of this season, but it became evident early in the coaching search that the Jaguars wanted an offensive-minded leader to change the direction of a franchise that has missed the playoffs 10 times in the last 12 years.

“This is a passing league. This is a quarterback league,” Khan said last month. “If you are not doing those, you’re not going to be successful. I care about playing winning football. What is

winning football today? It’s a quarterback, it’s a passing game.”

The Jaguars went 5-11 this season, one of the most tumultuous years in franchise history.

Jacksonville released starting quarterback David Garrard five days before the opener, switched QBs again two weeks later and matched the worst start in franchise history (1-5).

Then-owner Wayne Weaver fired coach Jack Del Rio on the same late November day that he announced he was selling the team to Khan for \$770 million.

The Jaguars went 2-3 under Tucker, not enough for him to get the full-time job.

Nonetheless, Tucker was among the candidates interviewed. Carolina Panthers offensive coordinator Rob Chudzinski and New York Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer also were considered.

Denver’s Mike McCoy also was expected to be interviewed, but Mularkey took the job Tuesday.

Mularkey has some building blocks in place.

Jones-Drew bounced back from a knee injury in 2010 to break the franchise’s single-season rushing record with 1,606 yards, which also led the league. Only three others since 1978 — New Orleans’ George Rogers in 1981, Los Angeles’ Eric Dickerson in 1986 and Baltimore’s Jamal Lewis in 2003 — won the rushing title on a team ranked last in passing.

Jones-Drew finished with 1,980 yards from scrimmage, second in the league behind Baltimore’s Ray Rice, and accounted for 47.7 percent of Jacksonville’s offense.

But in a passing league, the Jaguars realize they need to have Gabbert better prepared to handle the most important position in football. They’ll also have to get Lewis back to Pro Bowl form.

A first-round pick in 2006, Lewis had 58 catches for 700 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2010 and was rewarded with a five-year, \$35 million contract that included \$17 million guaranteed. But he had 39 receptions for a team-high 460 yards this season, including just two catches in the red zone and no scores.

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us,” said Feinman, a 2003 college graduate with a degree in English and journalism. “I hope that they

come in with an open mind and actually listen to what the students and alumni have to say and truly hear why we are so upset. It has nothing to do with football — it has to do with the veil of secrecy that’s been operated under for what appears to be numerous years.”

Thomas and Feinman are both members of Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship, a group that believes Paterno’s firing and the ouster of Spanier were mishandled. The organization hopes to back candidates to run for elected alumni seats on the Board of Trustees.

Some university trustees like the meetings.

Trustee Marianne Alexander said it’s good that Erickson is providing an opportunity for alumni to weigh in on the scandal and give their opinion on the university’s response to it.

“It’s important for President Erickson to be able to hear what they have to say and also to explain his point of view,” said Alexander, president emerita of the Public Leadership Education Network and a resident of the Washington area.

“So I think it’s very healthy. I’m glad he’s doing it.”

Sandusky faces 52 criminal counts that involve 10 alleged victims over 15 years. Gary Schultz, a former vice president, and Tim Curley, the athletic director, are charged with perjury and failure to report suspected child abuse. All three have denied the allegations and await trial.

Longtime football coach Paterno was fired amid the scandal. He was replaced last week by New England Patriots offensive coordinator Bill O’Brien.

Trustee Linda B. Strumpf of New York, retired chief investment officer for the Helmsley Charitable Trust, praised Erickson’s handling of the scandal.

“I guess what you don’t want to see is people taking out their frustrations or whatever on him,” Strumpf said. “He was not part of the investigation — he’s not part of the problem, he’s part of the solution. So I just hope those people will be civil and treat him with the respect he deserves.”

Strumpf said the focus at the meetings should be on plans for the future, and not on past events such as Paterno’s firing.

“If people ask (Erickson) about it, he wasn’t in the room and wasn’t really involved,” Strumpf said. “They’re not going to get much out of him on that subject.”

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somebody with an Indiana background.

Before a back injury forced him to retire in 1997, Grigson was making his name as a prep player in Highland, Ind., and as a captain at Purdue. As a Boilermaker, he also survived a life-threatening illness that occurred after a blow to the abdomen during his junior season.

A relative who answered the phone in Highland, Ind., said the family was “extremely excited” but had been asked to wait to make additional comments until after an afternoon news conference to introduce Grigson.

In 1999, Grigson was hired by the St. Louis Rams as a national scout, helping the Rams win a Super Bowl title in his first season with the team. In 2001, the Rams promoted Grig-

son to area scout, a position he held until joining the Eagles as a regional scout in 2004. The Eagles went to the Super Bowl in his first season in Philly, too. He became the director of college scouting in 2006 before earning his next promotion in 2010.

Now he has one of the toughest jobs in football.

Right at the top, he must decide whether to keep Caldwell, who won the AFC title in 2009 and the AFC South crown in 2010.

Then comes the decision about Manning, who is owed a \$28 million bonus by March 8 or he will become an unrestricted free agent. And then he must decide what to do with a host of other big-name players whose contracts have expired. The list includes former Pro Bowlers Robert Mathis, Jeff Saturday and Reggie Wayne, who are all now in their 30s.